## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber from a <u>natural</u> rubber latex comprising pulse drying a <u>natural</u> rubber latex having a solid concentration of 60% by weight or less, in terms of dry rubber using a pulse dryer under the conditions of a frequency of the pulse combustion of 250 – 1200 Hz and a temperature of 40 - 140°C, <u>whereby the processing efficiency and heat efficiency in the production of natural rubber from natural rubber latex are improved</u>.

2. (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber as claimed in claim 1, wherein a solid concentration of the rubber latex is 20 to 60% by weight, in terms of dry rubber.

3. (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber as claimed in claim 1, wherein a frequency of the pulse combustion is 300 to 1000 HZ and a temperature of a pulse drying chamber for spraying the latex is 40 - 100°C 140°C.

4. (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rubber latex is a natural rubber latex.

5. (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber as claimed in claim 4, wherein said pulse drying is carried out ~~by adding~~  <u>in the presence of</u> a viscosity stabilizing agent ~~to the natural rubber latex~~.

6. (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber as claimed in claim 5, wherein the amount of the viscosity stabilizing agent is at least 0.001 part by weight based upon 100 parts by weight of solid content in the latex.

7.  (Currently Amended)  A method for producing <u>natural</u> rubber as claimed in claim 5, wherein the viscosity stabilizing agent is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl amines, semicarbazides and dimedones.

8.  (Cancelled)